

SECTION 1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established:

FACILITIES, BEACHES, OTHER AREAS, AND PARKING LOTS

Unless otherwise posted or noted below, all public use areas are open sunrise to sunset:

Park buildings and offices will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day (traditional days). Restroom facilities and public parking lots will remain open.

Douglas Center for Environmental Education and Parking Lots

Building and main parking lot are open for special events and scheduled programs as posted or announced.

Bailly-Chellberg Contact Station

Open as posted or announced - closed November 1 through February 28

Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center

The associated parking lots, and areas surrounding the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning center are open to scheduled groups and by invitation only. The Goodfellow Lodge is closed except by authorization of the Superintendent.

Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Parking Lot

Open 24 hours daily. Closed to overnight parking and camping.

Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center

8:00 am – 6 pm daily - May 14 through Labor Day

9:00 am – 4:30 pm daily – All other days

Dunewood Campground

Open daily from April 1 through October 31.

The following areas are open to public use from 0700 until Dusk unless otherwise posted or announced:

1. Douglas Center Parking Lot (West of Lake Street and North of the Center)
2. West Beach Parking Lot (Walk-in traffic permitted 6:00 am – Sunset)
3. Inland Marsh Parking Lot and Inland Marsh Overlook
4. NIPSCO Greenbelt and Cowles Bog Parking Lots
5. Bailly Chellberg Parking Lot
6. Porter Beach Parking Lot
7. Tremont Picnic Area (Area closed from November 15 through April 15)
8. Horse Trail (Ly-co-ki-we) Parking Lot
9. Kemil Beach, Dunbar, Lake View and Mount Baldy Parking Lots

10. Central Avenue Parking Lot (Area closed November 15 through April 15)

Public access onto areas of shelf ice is prohibited.

All gated parking lots may remain closed until plowed when there is more than 4" of snowfall overnight and/or road conditions are deemed hazardous.

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SPECIAL CLOSURES

Protection of Resources

The following areas are closed to all public entry during the periods indicated for resource protection:

Park wide

Piping Plover (potential) nesting areas, areas as marked by fencing and posted, closed year-round.

Heron Rookery

Area immediately adjacent to heron nesting sites, as posted, closed year-round. Permit information and applications are available from the Chief Ranger's Office during normal business hours.

Area to the north of the Little Calumet River to the north boundary of the Rookery, closed March 1 through August 31, except by permission of the Superintendent. Parking lots and trails are closed from sunset to sunrise daily.

Pinhook Bog (Parking Lot and Trails)

Restricted visitation except when accompanied by a National Park Service employee or by permission of the Superintendent. Trained National Park Service docents and Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center staff and interns are permitted to check out a centrally located Pinhook Bog key and lead scheduled groups on Pinhook Bog tours. Walking off the boardwalk is prohibited.

Area Surrounded by the West Beach Dune Succession Trail

Restricted visitation, except when accompanied by a National Park Service employee or by permission of the Superintendent. Permit information is available from the Resource Management Division Chief's Office during normal business hours.

Inland Marsh Trail Parking Lot, Inland Marsh Overlook Parking Lot, and Tremont Picnic Area

The maximum weight limit for vehicles using these parking areas will not exceed 32,000 GVW (excluding school buses).

Audio Device Closures

At West Beach, the use of radios and other audio equipment without a personal listening device is prohibited on the ramps leading to and from the bathhouse, in the bathhouse, and on the beach east of the main stairs and north of the dune line.

Glass Container Closures

All NPS beaches are closed to the possession of glass containers.

Watercraft Restricted Beaches and Other Water Areas

Motorized watercraft are prohibited in Long Lake (West Beach).

All watercraft (motorized, hand and/or wind propelled) are prohibited from all designated swimming beaches and the Greenbelt Ponds. Designated swimming beaches are identified by buoys ("Swim Area" and/or "No Boats") from May 1 through September 30 (as weather and lake conditions permit).

Winter Sports

Skiing and snow shoeing are permitted on park trails and at other designated sites providing there is adequate snow base to prevent trail surface or resource damage. Snowboarding, sledding, inner-tubing, tobogganing and similar winter sports are prohibited within the park.

SECTION 1.6 PERMITS

(c) The following permits are required:

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| 1.5 | - Heron Rookery |
| 2.4 (d)(3) | - Historic Weapon |
| 2.5 | - research specimens collection |
| 2.12(a)(2) | - chain saw use (reservation of use) |
| 2.13 | - Smelt Season Fire Permit |
| 2.13 | - Fire/Burning Permit |

2.50	- special events
2.51	- public assemblies, meetings
2.52	- sale or distribution of printed matter
2.61	- reservation of use tree removal
2.61	- reservation of use and occupancy
5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6	- commercial use permits
5.5	- commercial photography
5.6	- construction
Special Reg. 7.88	- hang-gliding/para-gliding

Hang-gliding/para-gliding and Smelt Season Fire Permit information is available at Bailly Ranger Station during normal business hours. All other permit information is available at the Chief Ranger's Office during business hours. Special regulations, restrictions and fees may apply. A permit may be denied or terminated based on 36 CFR 1.6(a),(d),(e),(g)(1),(g)(2),(h).

The Miller Woods beach west of Lake Street (Gary, Indiana), Ogden Dunes Beach, Bailly Beach, Porter Beach, and NPS beach areas from Kemil Beach, east to Lakeshore County Road and associated NPS parking lots are open during smelt season, while in possession of a fire permit and by permit under the following conditions:

- Closure hours are waived only for those actively engaged in smelt fishing
- Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.
- Wood gathering is prohibited.
- Fires are permitted in "approved containers" [see Section 2.13 (a)(1) for description]
- only. No ground fires are permitted. Warming fires are permitted only on the beach
- between the lake and the toe of the first dune. Warming fires shall not be placed
- within ten feet of flammable materials.
- All trash, fire remains, and entrails are carried out.
- A Smelt Season Fire Permit must be in the subject's possession while smelt fishing.
- All State fishing laws are applicable.

SECTION 2.1 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(c) Reasonable small quantities of the following may be gathered for personal use or consumption:

- fruit (except the fruit or any part of the prickly pear cactus)
- berries
- nuts

SECTION 2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(e) The unauthorized use of artificial light for the purpose of viewing wildlife is prohibited.

SECTION 2.3 FISHING

(d)(2) All types of bait are allowed when fishing if in compliance with Indiana Fishing Regulations.

Areas may be closed in compliance with Indiana Department of Natural Resources regulations (e.g. restocking).

SECTION 2.10 CAMPING

(a) In addition to the specific regulations in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, the following conditions apply to camping activities:

1. Overnight parking or camping is prohibited, except in designated areas of the Dunewood Campground, or other areas designated by the Superintendent.
 - A. Dunewood Campground
 1. Each camping group must register and pay the fee each day at the registration station. Checkout time is 12 noon. The registration receipt must be displayed on the campsite post.
 2. Camping groups must register within 1 hour of occupying the selected campsite. **Site registration renewal must be done by 10:00 am**
 3. Maximum occupancy for walk-in sites is restricted to eight people/one vehicle (two tents and one vehicle) per site. Maximum occupancy for all other sites is limited to eight people/two vehicles (one RV and one tent OR two tents) per site. Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am. Unregistered visitors (in excess of 8 persons per site) are not permitted to remain in the campground from 10 pm to 6 am. Campsites may not be reserved. The limit of stay is 14 days in any 30-day period (between Memorial Day and Labor Day).
 4. All tents must remain on the camping pad. Trailers and other vehicles must remain on the pavement. Bicycles may be walked to the walk-in campsites.
 5. Livestock are prohibited in the campground.

- B. Bailly Homestead - camping is permitted, in association with scheduled events at Bailly Homestead, with the approval of the Superintendent.
- C. Valley Group Campsite - camping is permitted at the Valley Group Campsite, with the approval of the Superintendent.

SECTION 2.13 FIRES

(a)(1) All fires are prohibited except as provided below:

Cooking and warming fires are permitted during smelt season by permit. (Permit states specific locations and specific conditions-See Section 1.6 PERMITS).

Cooking fires are permitted in NPS provided grills or approved grills (noncombustible container with a minimum container depth of 2", enclosed sides, and a bottom) in the following designated locations only:

- West Beach Picnic Shelters
- Bailly-Chellberg Picnic Shelters
- Tremont Picnic Shelters
- Ly-co-ki-we Picnic Shelters
- Dunewood Campground sites
- Lake View Picnic Shelters

Charcoal and other fire remains from all fires must be cooled and safely disposed of in a noncombustible container or removed from the area. Only wood or charcoal may be burned in cooking or warming fires. Warming fires shall not be placed within ten feet of flammable materials

Residential burning of leaves or wood products is prohibited at reservation of use residences consistent with State and county laws. In rare situations, the Fire Management Officer may approve and issue a Burning Permit at no charge when an appropriate container cannot be utilized or removal of debris is impractical. Only leaves or wood may be burned. Burning of garbage or other materials is prohibited.

Fires shall be attended at all times until completely extinguished. If fires create an air pollution problem, a nuisance, or a fire hazard, they shall be extinguished. Permit information and applications are available for Fire/Burning Permits from the Fire Management Office.

SECTION 2.15 PETS

(a)(1) Pets are prohibited in the following areas:

Year-round closure:

- Porter Beach Unit- Defined as the area west from the State Park boundary to Wabash Street and from Lake Michigan south to Roskin Road (excluding active reservation of use properties).
- The Ly-co-ki-we Trail

Memorial Day through Labor Day closure:

- The West Beach Unit - Defined as the area from County Line Road, east to the NPS boundary on the west side of Ogden Dunes and from Lake Michigan, south to Highway 12. (excluding active reservation of use properties).
- Kemil Beach east to Lake View (including the Lake View Plaza)

SECTION 2.16 HORSES

(b) Horseback riding is prohibited on all roads and areas in the national lakeshore except the Ly-co-ki-we trail and parking lot. No horses are permitted west of the Horsetrail as posted or west of Hadenfeldt Road.

Horseback riding is permitted on the Ly-co-ki-we Trail and parking lot from March 16 through December 14. However, if there is sufficient snow cover for cross-country skiing (3 inches or more) before December 15 or after March 15, the trail will remain closed to horseback riding. Ly-co-ki-we Trail is a one-way trail for horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

(g) In the parking lot and picnic area, all horse excrement must be bagged, removed from the area, and disposed of appropriately.

SECTION 2.20 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited.

The use of sandboards, innertubes and other types of devices used to slide or roll on sand dunes and other geologic features is prohibited.

SECTION 2.21 SMOKING

All park buildings are closed to smoking.

SECTION 2.35 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Alcoholic Beverage Closures

All National Park Service Buildings

All NPS buildings are closed to the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, except during public assemblies and meetings when authorized by the Superintendent (excluding active reservation of use properties and NPS dormitory facilities).

West Beach

The West Beach Unit is closed to the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages. The West Beach Unit is defined as the area from County Line Road, east to the NPS boundary on the west side of Ogden Dunes and from the waters of Lake Michigan, south to Highway 12 (excluding active reservation of use properties).

Porter Beach Unit

The Porter Beach unit is closed to the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages. The Porter Beach unit is defined as the area west from the State Park boundary to Wabash Street and from the waters of Lake Michigan south to Roskin Road (excluding active reservation of use properties).

Dunewood Campground

The Dunewood Campground, associated public restrooms and shower facilities, registration building, outside theater, and adjoining hiking trails is closed to the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

SECTION 2.51 PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS, AND SECTION 2.52 SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

Maps are available in the Office of the Superintendent designating sites where public assemblies can be held and literature distributed in accordance with a permit.

SECTION 3.23 SCUBA AND SNORKELING

Snorkeling is permitted in Lake Michigan within designated swim beaches provided there is no interference with other swimmers. Scuba diving is prohibited in designated swimming areas.

SECTION 4.21 SPEED LIMITS

(b) The maximum speed limits are as posted

SECTION 4.30 BICYCLES

Bicycles are prohibited on all lands and trails except as follows:

- Bicycles are permitted on the West Beach Trail between Ogden Dunes and West Beach.
- Bicycles are permitted on the Marquette Trail between West Beach and Grand Blvd.